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## Cuban Lesson: Don't Ignore the Ragged

**A**MONG the many lessons to be learned from the Cuban invasion fiasco, is this vital one: We must stop underestimating the flexibility of international communism, or its powerful appeal to people who live in rags.

The Cuban revolution is the greatest vic-

tory for communism since the revolution in China; greater, in a way, since it opens a whole new hemisphere to the Communists.

Before the CIA adventure, the Communists had been afraid to show their true colors in Cuba.

Today, they make no pretenses about the communization of Cuba.

Soviet Russia has now given Cuba the responsibility for printing all Spanish-language propaganda for the international Communist movement. Does anyone believe these thousands of tons of propaganda will be shipped back to the U.S.S.R. for distribution?

In the next decade there will be more changes in the social structure of Latin America. The Communists are hopeful that they will come in the Castro pattern, through the creation of Soviet states.

We are hopeful that the changes will be peaceful and will leave the hemisphere with free governments—not monolithic states.

President Kennedy sees the danger. The administration is working up aid programs based on self-help and reform of social and economic conditions within the countries that want assistance.

The question now is whether we will be quick enough to see that change is inevitable, and tough enough to get off the defensive in helping to bring change for the better to people whose only concern is how to get enough to eat.